

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A container for feeding a stick-type cosmetic material comprising:
 - an outer cylinder;
 - a cylindrical cover detachably fitting to the outer cylinder;
 - a cylindrical holding member provided inside the outer cylinder in a rotatable manner relative to the outer cylinder;
 - a stick-type cosmetic material held movably in an axial direction in the cylindrical holding member, the cosmetic material being extended from and retracted into the cylindrical holding member through an open end thereof by rotating the outer cylinder and the cylindrical holding member relative to each other;
 - a hermetically-covering cylindrical member provided on an inner surface of the cylindrical cover, the hermetically-covering cylindrical member fitting hermetically to a cylindrical fitting member disposed at an upper portion of the outer cylinder to maintain airtightness;
 - an annular rib provided on an upper outer surface of the cylindrical fitting member, the annular rib pressing an outer surface of a lower end of the hermetically-covering cylindrical member; and
 - a gap formed between the outer surface of the lower end of the hermetically-covering cylindrical member and an inner surface of the cylindrical cover, the gap serving as a space allowing deformation of the lower end of the hermetically-covering cylindrical member;

wherein the inner surface of the cylindrical cover fits to the outer surface of the cylindrical fitting member.

2. (previously presented): The container for feeding a stick-type cosmetic material according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving member provided in such a manner as to move in the axial direction in the cylindrical holding member integrally with the stick-type cosmetic material by rotation of the outer cylinder and the cylindrical holding member relative to each other; and

the annular rib provided at substantially the same height as an upper portion of the receiving member positioned at the lowest end of the cylindrical holding member.

3. (currently amended): The container for feeding a stick-type cosmetic material according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 1, further comprising

a cylindrical sealing member provided inside the cylindrical fitting member in such a manner as to slidably and hermetically contact an outer surface of the cylindrical holding member.

4. (new): The container for feeding a stick-type cosmetic material according to claim 3, wherein the cylindrical sealing member is a separate member.

5. (new): The container for feeding a stick-type cosmetic material according to Claim 2, further comprising

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